

Circuit Court

Mission:

The Circuit Court will maintain and improve the quality of justice for all county citizens, emphasize efficiency, effectiveness and fairness, and value and respect the individual.

Goals:

- To hear and decide promptly matters brought before the court, without bias or prejudice, remaining faithful to the law, and not be swayed by partisan interests, public clamor or fear of criticism.
- To require order, decorum, and civility in proceedings before the court.
- To require staff, court officials, and others subject to the court's control to refrain from bias or prejudice and employ courtesy and decorum in the performance of their duties.
- To exercise the power of appointment impartially and on the basis of merit.

Implementation Strategies for FY2005:

- As a judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, to work toward uniform local practices and procedures throughout the Circuit which includes Poquoson, Williamsburg, York, Charles City, James City, King William, King and Queen, Gloucester, Mathews, Middlesex, and New Kent Counties.
- Statistics provided by the Supreme Court of Virginia indicate that in 2002 (the most recent yearly figures available) in the York County Circuit Court, 637 civil cases were commenced and 657 concluded; 1364 criminal cases were commenced and 1298 concluded. Grand juries met six times; petit juries were impaneled 9 days. Included in the concluded civil cases: 245 divorces, 128 other equity cases, 52 petitions for individuals to change their names, 50 garnishments, and 1 petition for guardians for incapacitated persons were granted. 173 concealed weapon permits were issued.

Budget Issues:

- In FY2003, capital outlay funding was provided for a replacement copier.
- For FY2005, there are no significant changes.

General Fund Expenditures	FY2001 Actual Expenditures	FY2002 Actual Expenditures	FY2003 Actual Expenditures	FY2004 Original Budget	FY2004 Expected Appropriations	FY2005 Adopted Budget
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Personnel Services	50,352	39,117	36,537	55,251	55,251	61,195
Contractual Services	14,792	8,984	6,269	11,800	11,800	6,890
Internal Services	72	32	102	200	200	210
Other Charges	1,646	2,150	1,156	3,200	3,200	3,500
Materials & Supplies	2,259	2,783	2,819	4,000	4,000	4,000
Capital Outlay	-	-	2,547	-	-	-
Activity Total	<u>69,121</u>	<u>53,066</u>	<u>49,430</u>	<u>74,451</u>	<u>74,451</u>	<u>75,795</u>
Percentage Change	3.68%	-23.23%	-6.85%	50.62%	N/A	1.81%

FTE's

Management	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional/Technical	-	-	-	-	-	-
Admin/Clerical	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Trades & Crafts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>1.50</u>	<u>1.50</u>	<u>1.50</u>	<u>1.50</u>	<u>1.50</u>	<u>1.50</u>

